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CELEBRATE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

ANNUAL EVENT WELL ATTENDED. BANQUET AND TOASTS ENJOYED.

The church banquet to celebrate the dedication of Michelson Memorial church, that was erected in 1918 in memory of the departed Mrs. Nels Michelson, has become an event that is annually looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure and with a great deal of reverence and thankfulness.

Altho that once fine edifice now lies in ashes, its memory still lives in the minds of the people, while they await with patience the reconstruction of the church. This church was built in the year 1918 and paid for by Nels Michelson, in memory of Mrs. Nels Michelson, his wife, and presented to the people of this community, where all should be privileged to come and to worship. This newspaper has never tired of telling the story of this church, and, at least as long as the present editor is at the helm, it shall continue to do so.

The ladies served a most delicious dinner at 6:00 p. m. and every seat was sold. The church was crowded. The banquet was held in the basement of the Masonic Temple, which was an ideal place for such an event. It was nicely served and was enjoyed by all.

The occasion was an inspiration for many fine remarks. Rev. Baughn was master of ceremonies. He spoke briefly and explained that the gathering was being held to commemorate the anniversary of the dedication of the church. He sincerely expressed his appreciation of the Grayling people and assured all that he was glad he was here.

M. A. Bates was the first speaker. He came here in 1883 and at that time services were being held where is now located the Town hall. In his talk he was reminiscent of the early days of the church and told of some of the early ministers. He also mentioned some of the gems of thought that had come to him as he listened to the sermons.

T. W. Hanson was the second speaker. He paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Mrs. Michelson and told of several incidents of her career that brought her memory nearer and

dearer to the people of the community than ever before. She left her native home in Denmark while she was still a mere girl, and during the voyage across the ocean suffered the loss of her father, mother and sister. It was only her Christian spirit that enabled her to continue on. She became the mother of a large family and passed out of this life at the young age of 44 years.

In all her life she was a friend to all, and no unjust words of censure ever passed her lips, while she was sought by many for counsel and good cheer. She gave her all for humanity and Christianity.

The principal address of the evening was given by Dr. Frank H. Cookson, district superintendent of Bay City. Dr. Cookson sensed the graciousness of the occasion and applied his words accordingly. In tribute to Mrs. Michelson he asserted the fact that "What we are and what we have been is almost always due to a good woman. We have met to recognize the value of good. We have come to recognize the 44 years true value of goodness." Dr. Cookson gave a very stirring address.

Throughout the dinner the High School orchestra furnished music, which added greatly to the pleasantness of the occasion.

TO ENCOURAGE GOOD READING

GIVE YOUR CHILDREN THE BEST BOOKS.

If any parent in town or country would like to give entertaining, helpful, character-building books to their Christmas, but, in is doubt as what to get or where to get it, I shall be glad to help.

The reading child is safe. I have seen, handled, and examined thousands of books suitable for children so young that the books needed to be read to them; for youth and for adults.

I am impressed with the great value of the right books in the lives of children and adults.

I have nothing to sell and am not trying to make business for those who have.

I would like to give this service as my Christmas contribution to my community.

R. D. Bailey, Grayling, Mich.

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B. OF T. CHANGES LUNCHEON HOUR

E. E. COMPTON ADVISES AID TO FARMERS.

The Board of Trade have at least temporarily broken away from the usual noonday luncheons and are now banqueting at 6:00 p. m. of the same day. This change was offered in order to enable those who are unable to be on hand at noon, to be there in the evening. The experiment promises to be successful, and a unanimous vote was registered in favor of it.

This was the first luncheon held since the inauguration of the new officers and President Melvin A. Bates presided. There was no set program for the occasion and brief remarks were made by Mr. Bates, Vice President Robert H. Gillett and a number of the members of the board of directors.

E. E. Compton, a former resident of Grayling, but now the secretary and manager of the Michigan Live-stock exchange, residing in Lansing, was present and gave a very interesting address. He first was reminiscent and told of some of his experiences in Grayling forty years ago. This was all very interesting especially to the older residents, who recalled many of the happenings that he mentioned.

Referring to his business Mr. Compton stated that his work was that of organizing farmers and of keeping them together. He referred to his task as one that is a hard one to do. He told of the deplorable condition they are in today, and requested that the citizens of Grayling give them all the aid they are able to render, by their encouragement and by purchasing the products that are raised by the farmers. He suggested that the people patronize the local creamery and whenever they purchase butter from the store that they insist that it be the brand of home creamery. The same applies to meats as well as milk products, vegetables, fruits, etc. Mr. Compton appears to have struck the harp's cord that appealed to the senses of his auditors, and pointed out clearly that the interests of the town and country are identical. Each must depend upon the other.

The speaker emphasized the fact that the farmer must move ahead with the times and use modern methods and practices in order to succeed. Dairying is the farmer's best enterprise in this region and it should be developed to the utmost, and every effort made to secure large acreage of alfalfa and sweet clover for dairy feeding.

In all his talk Mr. Compton simply reiterated the suggestions offered time and time again by Michigan's best agricultural agent—R. D. Bailey. Of course it takes money to start a dairy but almost any farmer may start in a small way and each year strive to increase his stock. "R. D." has been hammering away on this matter for at least a couple of years. Some have followed his suggestions and many have not. Some seem to resent the so-called interference of the agricultural agent, but we are unable to understand just the reason for doing so. We only wish that the Federal, State and County governments were as generous to us businessmen and would afford us, without cost, the services of an expert to guide our operations and ventures. It was unanimously voted to continue the Board of Trade luncheons at 6:00 o'clock Thursday evenings.

THE SCHOOL TATTLER

Donald Reynolds—Editor.
Helen Sherman—Asst. Editor.
Basketball.

Coach Crane's "Wildcats" play their first game of basketball of the season, Dec. 21, when they take on Kalkaska at that place. As this is the first game, let's give them a peppy send off so that they can come home with flying colors. The boys will be accompanied by the "Bobbies" who will match their ability with the Kalkaska girls, the same evening. The Cranesmen have been practicing constantly for the first game and it is that G. H. S. will have a team this year that will leave most of the towns a mile behind.

The 1923 schedule is as follows:
Dec. 21—At Kalkaska—Boys and girls.
Jan. 7—At West Branch—Boys.
Jan. 11—Mancelona here—Boys and girls.
Jan. 18—Kalkaska here—Boys and girls.
Jan. 25—Alba here—Boys.
Jan. 28—Roscommon here—Boys and girls.
Feb. 2—St. Ignace here—Boys.
Feb. 8—Gaylord at Gaylord—Boys and girls.
Feb. 15—At St. Ignace—Boys.
Feb. 16—At Cheboygan—Boys.
Feb. 20—Gaylord here—Boys and girls.
Feb. 22—Roscommon there—Boys and girls.
Feb. 29—At Alba—Boys.
Mar. 7—West Branch here—Boys.

Class basketball has been started in Grayling High School by Coach Crane. Each class will be represented by a boy's team and a tournament will be held. The first games were played Tuesday after school—so be prepared to come out and root for your class team.

Debating.
The High School Debating team will wind up their two weeks grind in preparation for their second debate of the season that will be held at Alba. Our team will still have the negative side of the Ship Subsidy which they held when they defeated Gaylord to the tune of 3-0. So let's step out and win the first 4 and go down through the elimination.

G. H. S. Want Ads.
Wanted—A position as cartoonist—Lipman Landsberg.
Wanted—A return ticket to Higgins Lake—Carl Olson.
Wanted—A song, composer—G. I. K. E.

Last Wednesday evening the Laura Werno Ladies Quartet entertained a large number of the people of Grayling at the H. S. auditorium. The program was delightful and all numbers were enjoyed. Miss Werno's interpretive readings were especially interesting. The playing and singing of all the ladies was pleasing to the large audience attending.

The American Literature classes are studying Snowbound by John Greenleaf Whittier.
Red Cross Tuberculosis Seal campaign began Thursday morning. Grade children received their stamps in the morning; High School pupils in the afternoon. We expect the support of the people of Grayling. "A Seal On Each Letter Helps Many Get Better."

The Seniors had a candy sale last Wednesday evening before the entertainment by the Laura Werno Quartet. The candy was excellent. Come prepared to buy some at the next number of the Redpath Lyceum course Jean McDonald, Reader, January 26.

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Irene Gideon, former history teacher of the G. H. S. to Melbourne Wilson, at Alpena a few weeks ago.

Tenth grade English class are studying Irving's Sketch-book. A movie was enjoyed by a large crowd last Friday evening, December seventh at the High School Auditorium.

Jokes.
Viola Senay—"I want to look at a pair of eye glasses" (determinedly).
Optician—"Yes Madam."

V. S.—"While in the country I made a very terrible mistake which I never want to repeat."

O.—"Indeed! Mistake a stranger for an acquaintance?"

V. S.—"No, not exactly that. I mistook a bumble-bee for a black-berry."

Mr. Smith—"What is the difference between an old penny and a new dime?"

Farnham—"Nine cents."

Mr. Crane—"If a stove costs \$35, what will a ton of coal come to?"

Edgar M.—"Ashes."

Did you know that there are 450,000 words in the English language?

Miss Fox—"How much dirt is in a hole 2 1/2 ft. sq. and 1 1/2 ft. deep?"

Helen Z.—"None."

Lucinda's prayer—"Dear Lord, I ask nothing for myself, only give mother a son-in-law."

Did you see L. L.'s red Sox? Danger! Beware!

Grade Notes.
The fourth grade are making Xmas calendars.
Marie Brown has returned to school.
Fourth grade will change the story of "The Three Pine Trees" to poem form. If it turns out good we have the promise of printing it.
Fourth grade will have a Christmas tree. There will be an exchange of presents between the pupils.
The Kindergarten children are very

busy now. They are making a toy-shop. They will have a Christmas party and tree, and the mothers will be invited.

The sixth grade "Bird Friends" will meet Friday afternoon.
Miss Secord is reading "Rolf of the Woods" by T. F. Seton to her pupils. The boys are very interested because of the fine portrayal of outdoor life, but the girls are a little doubtful whether they like it or not.

THREE CASES OF DIPHTHERIA

COUNTY NURSE URGES USE OF TOXIN-ANTI-TOXIN, AS DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

There have been three cases of diphtheria in town. It is time now to take warning if we do not wish to have many cases.

Antitoxin given on the 1st day of the disease saves 97 per cent of the cases on the 3rd day only 85 per cent. Toxin-anti-toxin given now while the child is well PREVENTS 99 per cent cases. It does not hurt the child as much as when he pricks his finger. It is given in 3 doses one week apart. There is no danger in it and it immunizes the child for several years, probably for life.

What is this against the dread disease? Ask your doctor about it. In other cities children are taking it by the thousands.

AUTO LICENSE APPLICANTS MUST HAVE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

Sheriff Jorgenson is in receipt of the following instructions from the Secretary of State:

Advise Motor Vehicle owners thru your local newspapers that applications for 1924 license plates will not be accepted unless accompanied by certificates of title in the applicant's name. Thousands are holding titles which have been assigned, but not transferred to them, and every auto owner is required by Law to have Certificates of Title, issued in his name.

Assigned Titles should be sent to the Secretary of State immediately, with corresponding applications for transfer of 1923 License, and the required fee.

Address all correspondence concerning the above to:
Charles J. DeLand,
Secretary of State,
Motor Vehicle Title Division.

\$147.00 RAISED LAST YEAR

XMAS SEAL SALE NOW IN PROGRESS. CONSIDERABLE BELOW LAST YEAR RECORD.

Chairman Hopes to Go Over Top This Year But Need Your Support.

The last year's record for the sale of Red Cross seals amounted to \$147. The sale is now in progress for the year 1923 but is not going very strong as yet. The sale is under direction of the public school and the County nurse, with Supt. B. E. Smith in charge as chairman.

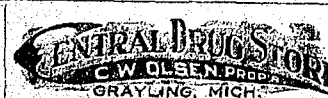
Dr. Cookson in his address at the annual church banquet Tuesday night stated that Grayling was known in the state for its hospitality. Now let's show that we are always ready to respond to worthy causes such as supporting the Michigan Tuberculosis association, by purchasing a generous supply of Red Cross Christmas seals. Every cent of the revenue derived from this source is spent in the work of caring for tubercular patients and in efforts to prevent its spread and inception.

Supt. Smith says that the pupils have pretty well canvassed the town and it is found that the amount raised is far short of the quota requested. It is not desired that the children make another canvass, however should there be any individuals or firms in the town that desire seals, the school should be notified and delivery will be made at once.

Phone 323 and the seals will be promptly delivered. Do it now, please.

SEVENTEEN MILLION CARS IN 1923

By January 1, the world will have in operation 17,000,000 automobiles, passenger cars and trucks, according to an estimate by M. H. Hoepfi, chief of the automotive division of the Department of Commerce. Of that total, 14,000,000 will run in the United States, about one to every eight persons, whereas in the rest of the world the proportion will be about 1 to 112 persons. The number of cars in operation is expected to show on January 1, 1924, an increase of 17 per cent over January 1, 1923.



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Step in today, and in 5 minutes get your Christmas shopping over.

Take no chances. Get at least some fire insurance on your home. The cost is little. We are writing new policies nearly every day. Your interests will be carefully guarded if you have a policy in our agency. Palmer Fire Insurance Agency. Avalanche Office, Phone 1112.

Sunday, Dec. 16th

Reception of Members

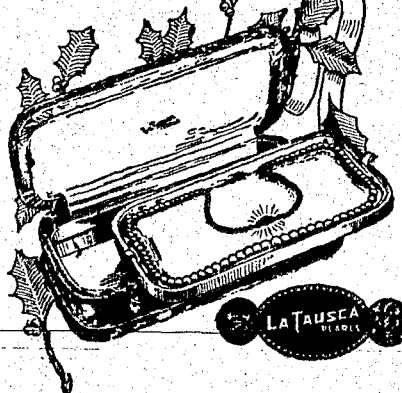
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Letter and Confession of Faith

10:30 A. M.

Michelson Memorial Church

The Most Cherished Gift
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Picture her joyous surprise as this sight greets her Christmas morning.

PERLES DES INDIES
Beautiful indestructible pearls with white gold diamond clasp and gray velvet jewel case.

Carl W. Peterson—Jeweler

THE SHERIFF DON'T LIKE IT

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Editor.
I would like a little space in the Avalanche, just to inform the various parties who are continually writing me letters regarding booze joints and booze selling, also drunkards on the streets.

If these parties will kindly sign their names to letters in the future, it will be possible to comply with their desires to a certain extent. Otherwise, do not bother me with further correspondence of this kind.

If the party who wrote the letter of recent date wants to start any trouble, they are invited to do so. I shall meet them half way. Further it is my privilege to visit anywhere at any time I please.

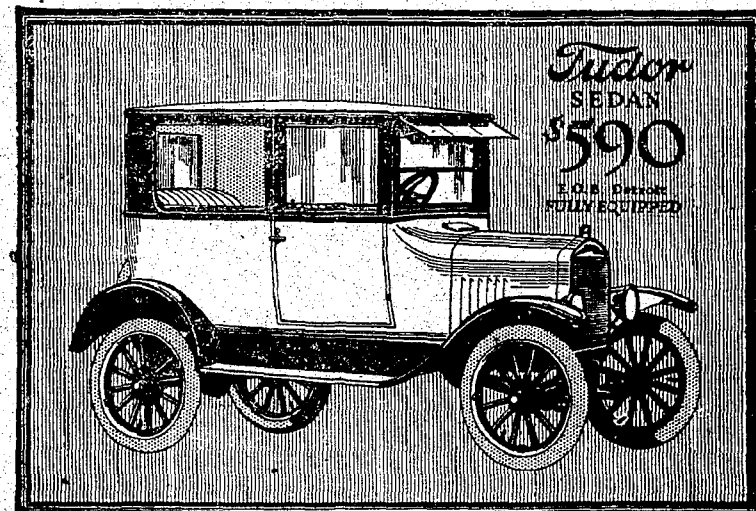
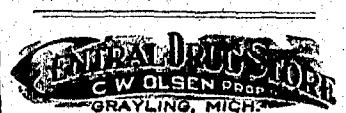
Peter F. Jorgenson, Sheriff.



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When they cough!

KEMP'S BALSAM

Seeing the Bright Side.

Practicing golf indoors, he had broken a mirror, but it didn't seem to worry him.

"Don't you realize," said his wife, "that you are in for seven years of hard luck?"

"Sure!" he answered merrily. "But I'm used to that—the point is, if I'm to have seven years of bad luck, I'm sure of living that long anyhow."—Boston Transcript.

Others Find Relief

In Allcock's Plasters from local aches and pains. So can you. One trial will convince you of their merits.—Adv.

On the Wedding Trip.

"Now we're approaching that long tunnel, you're not afraid, my love?"

"Not at all, if you'll only take clear out of your mouth, dear."

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To be free from faults is a great comfort.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

ARKANSAS POSTS WERE BUSY

Review of Activities of Past Year Shows Legion Aims to Be of General Service.

A convincing refutation of occasional slurs at the American Legion on the grounds that the organization does not represent the war veterans and promotes only its own selfish interests is contained in a review of the work of Arkansas Legion posts in the last year. In that time, the department of Arkansas, under the leadership of O. L. Bodenhamer, then department commander, pushed forward rapidly in both membership and activities and now stands as a recognized force in the national organization.

How the community is being helped by the Legion is demonstrated by the record of many Arkansas posts. Members of the Lake Village and Budora posts, during recent high water, patrolled the levee night and day, saving considerable property from damage. The Stuttgart post is now planning a new home, which, when completed, will house the town library. Warren post has one of the foremost buildings in the community as its home, and is becoming an influential factor in civic betterment. Texarkana post has added much to community spirit by its successful conduct of the town baseball park during the last season, and the Fort Smith post is active in educational and welfare work.

Several of the posts have been instrumental in obtaining suitable war memorials. A Legion cemetery is being maintained by the Jonesboro post. Paragould post is erecting a monument for the Greene county veterans. Blytheville and Marianna posts started the movement to honor the memory of Herman Davis, America's greatest war hero, with appropriate monuments as well as scholarships at the University of Arkansas.

Hot Springs post has handled the cases of a large number of veterans who, hearing of the health-giving waters, went to the springs without sufficient funds. At Russellville, the Legion is planning classes in parliamentary law, Americanism, military funerals, etc., for the benefit of veterans. All of the posts are doing similar work for ex-service men, regardless of their affiliation.

PLAN TO CHECK IMMIGRATION

Conference at San Francisco, Under Auspices of American Legion, Appeals to Congress.

That the remedy of greatest immediate value for the problem of oriental immigration is in the adoption of a law excluding from the country all ineligible aliens was the consensus of opinion expressed at a conference on oriental immigration held at San Francisco under the auspices of the American Legion.

The organizations represented at the meeting were the American Legion, by Morgan Keaton, adjutant of the department of California; the California State Federation of Labor, by Paul Scharrer, secretary-treasurer; the State Grange, by C. A. Bodwell, Jr., personal representative of George Harrison, state master; the Native Sons of the Golden West, by William J. Hayes, grand president, and C. L. McEnaney, grand director.

It was pointed out that the three organizations first named in national convention and all four organizations in state convention had unanimously urged congress to enact immediate legislation excluding hereafter as immigrants or permanent residents all aliens ineligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States.

Attention was called to the fact that the Legion, at its last national convention, made it the duty of the national executives and each state department to take steps to promote immediate legislation on this subject, that the American Federation of Labor has adopted a similar policy and that the state departments of the American Legion in California, Oregon, Washington and other western states are co-operating in accordance with the policy outlined.

COMMUNITY WORK IS O. K.'D

Iowa Legion Commander Urges Posts to Give Aid in Promoting Projects.

American Legion posts are urged to give all possible assistance in promoting community projects by Bert L. Halligan, commander of Argonne post, American Legion, Department of Iowa.

"American Legion posts must give all possible service to their respective communities," he declared. "Its opportunities are greater than that of any other organization because its membership comes from all walks of life, but it cannot function as it should without the co-operation of all other civic bodies and of the citizens generally."

"The Legion button not only shows that its wearer served in the war, but it shows that he is serving in peace. The button is a badge of honor which every veteran should be glad to wear."

Get Additional War Medals

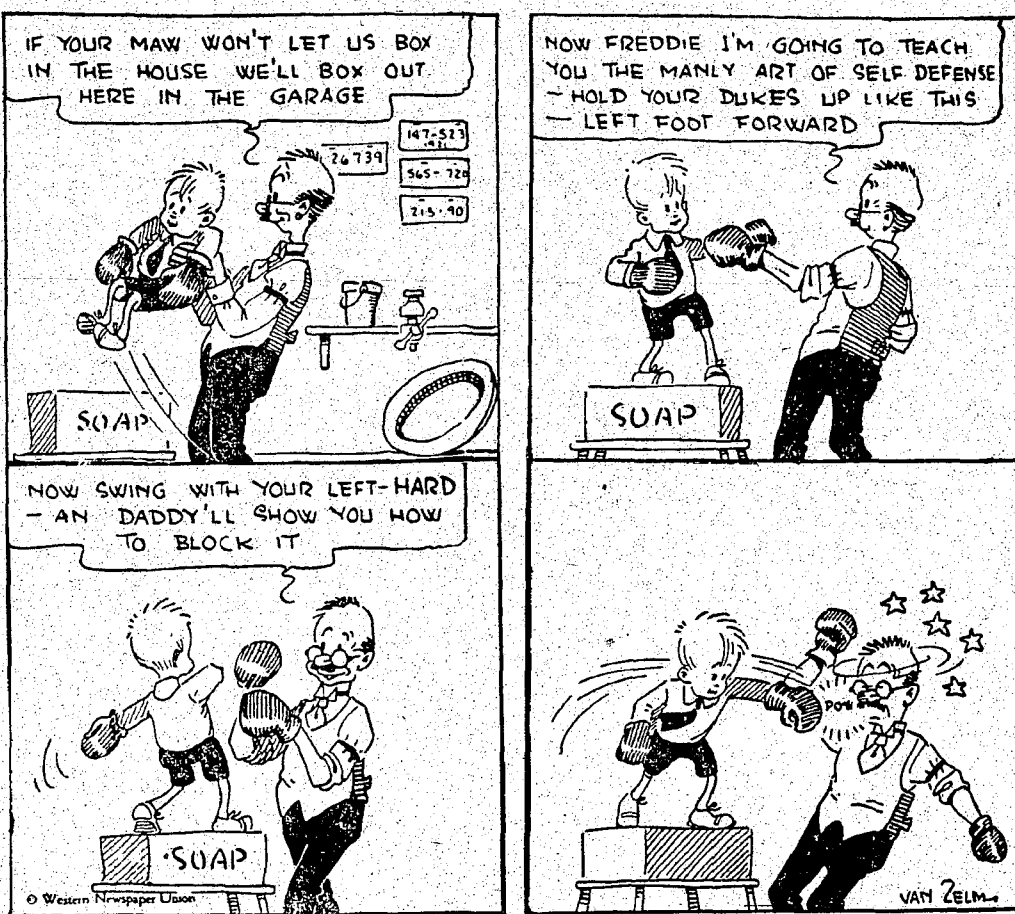
Six American World War heroes, all wearers of the Congressional medal, were presented with the Montegrin medal at the Roosevelt-Navy day hall held at the Commodore hotel, New York city, for the benefit of the Legion mountain-camp presentation, was made by Luigi Criseuolo, diplomatic representative of Montenegro to the United States. The men receiving the honor were Daniel F. Edwards, Donald E. Gull, Maj. G. McMurtry, Lieut. Richard O'Neill, Michael Donaldson and Daniel A. J. Sullivan.

OUR COMIC SECTION

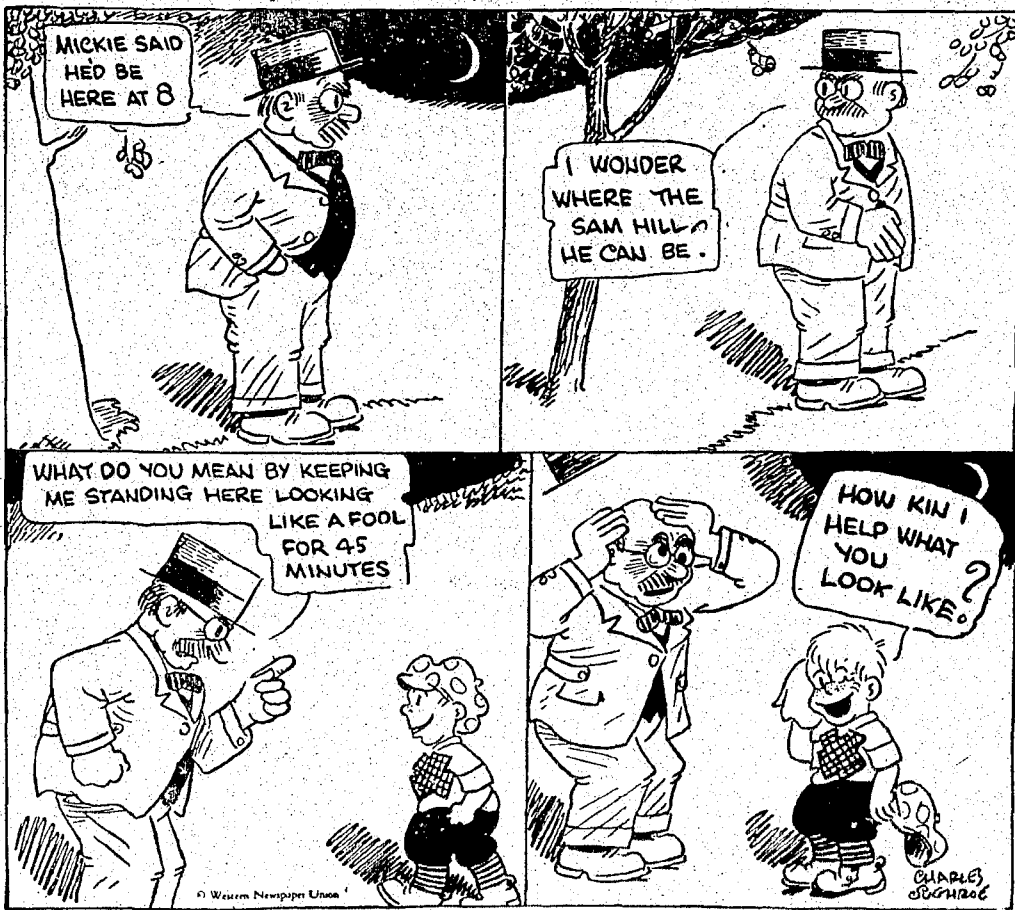
Events in the Lives of Little Men



And Felix Blocked It



If This Ain't Lese Majestic, What Is?



Mutton From Weeds

Australian saltbush, that covers many million acres in northwestern United States, is being "turned into mutton" as the result of a chance discovery of a Washington ranch owner. He kept a flock on a pasture of this weed for an entire summer and found that they produced more and better wool and mutton than other animals in the neighborhood. Hitherto considered a nuisance, saltbush grows on

arid and unfertilized land, where nothing else will thrive, and requires almost no attention after it is once well started. The value of the vegetation was first brought to the attention of the rancher when he saw some sheep feeding upon it greedily, while he was resting by the roadside. Popular Mechanics.

If a man is an idealist he has no business behind the scenes at the theater or in the kitchen of a dirty restaurant.

Wives and Goats Tabooed.

Ancient records of York county, Me. preserved in the courthouse at Alfred show that at one time goats and women were not allowed on the Isles of Shoals. One fisherman brought his wife there, at the same time importing some goats. Lengthy legal battles were waged concerning the matter and finally it was settled that the goats must go but the wife could stay.

The man who has no money can't lose.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE CHRISTMAS CACTUS

"I've come to hear your story, Christmas Cactus," said Billie Brownie.

"Gladly, gladly will I tell it to you," said the Christmas Cactus.

"In the first place of all I live in this nice greenhouse. My home, used to be far down South, but here I now am."

"And I am so well looked after. The one who cares for us is so fond of us. He treats us with kindness and with admiration and affection."

"What big words you use, Cactus," said Billie Brownie.

"They're noble words, aren't they?" asked the Cactus proudly.

"Well," said Billie Brownie, "I'm not so sure about them being such noble words, but they're big. They're most certainly very big words."

"Now tell me about yourself. Is it true that you only bloom at Christmas time? And why do you look so much like a crab even though you are a plant?"

"Because one of my names is Crab Cactus. My other name is Christmas Cactus."

"Yes, I only bloom at Christmas time. Perhaps I should say that I bloom around the whole Christmas season. I don't just bloom on Christmas day as some folks have said and thought."

"I bloom from about the first or middle of November until some time in January."

"You see it is almost Christmas now and I am blooming. But I have been blooming since November. As you see from all my little points are red blooms. I know the Christmas color."

"Oh, yes, the Christmas Cactus knows the time of year in which to bloom and the color to be."

"Red is the Christmas color. There is no mistake about that! No mistake at all. And many red blooms do I wear, too, in honor of the great season."

"Let no one tell you that I only bloom on Christmas day. I bloom for a good long Christmas season, getting ready in plenty of time, too. Plum pudding and I get ready in plenty of time, I do believe."

"Yes, Billie Brownie, my names are both well-chosen names. For as you



Only Once Does She Bloom.

say, too, I do look like a crab—or like a number of crabs.

"But now that it is Christmas time I like to be known by my Christmas Cactus name."

"I rest at other times of the year."

"There is my cousin, Night-Blooming Cereus. Only once does she bloom."

"She has often a number of blooms on each plant, but each bloom only lasts from midnight until some time in the morning when she's gone—no longer blooming."

"She has a beautiful golden red bloom. It is very large and very wonderful and at midnight people watch her when it is time for her to bloom for so wonderful is she."

"The little bud, on the side of the plant goes up to make a bloom."

"There are many queer members of my family standing about here. Their shapes are strange. There is the Pin-cushion Cactus, a funny-shaped little thing looking like a round kind of a pin-cushion, with many pins or spikes sticking out from it."

"But I rejoice at this time of the year, Billie Brownie, for I feel so much in the spirit of things with my name such as it is."

"And my blossoms such as they are. 'Oh, yes, I wouldn't be anything else but a Christmas Cactus. And I wouldn't miss blooming for the whole glorious, happy season.'

"The reason that I come out as early as I do and stay as long as I do is just because I don't want to miss any of the Christmas season."

"That's the reason, Billie Brownie. That's the reason!"

Out of Juice.

"Here, boy," said the wealthy motorist, "I want some gasoline, and please get a move on! You'll never get anywhere in this unless you push. Push is essential. When I was young I pushed and that got me where I am."

"Well, guv-nor," replied the boy, "I reckon you'll have to push again, 'cause we ain't got a drop of gas in the place."—Black and Blue Jay.

Exactly.

He—I can tell you how much water, to the quart, goes over Niagara falls. She—if you know, tell us.

He—Two pints.

Schoolmaster Missing Something.

A schoolmaster wrote the following criticism on the edge of a boy's report card: "A good worker, but talks too much."

When the father signed the report and sent it back the card bore in addition to his signature this report: "You should hear his mother!"—Judge.

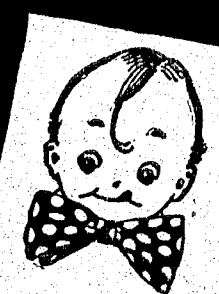
A False Doctrine.

Examiner—What is meant by the expression, "A false doctrine?"

Pupil—That's when a doctor prescribes the wrong medicine.

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and we wanted to get right next to a man's heart, we would smuggle a good pipe and some good pipe tobacco to him around December 26th.

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HE will tell you that the first results of constipation—headache, sleepless nights, biliousness, backache, etc.—warn that the body is flooded with intestinal poisons. In time, these poisons may cause the breakdown of health and lead to serious disease. In constipation, say intestinal specialists, lies the primary cause of more than three-quarters of all illness including the gravest diseases of life.

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THE RED LOCK

A Tale of the Flatwoods

By DAVID ANDERSON
Author of "The Blue Moon"
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"BIG JACK"

SYNOPSIS.—On the banks of the Wabash stand Texie Collin and Jack Warhope, young and very much in love. Texie is the only daughter of old Pap Simon, rich man and money-lender. Jack is the orphaned boy of Pap Simon, who had foreclosed a mortgage on the Warhope estate. At first Texie and Jack talk and jest, but later, when Jack is ten days his servitude will be over, that he will ride out into the big world to seek his fortune. Both know what that will mean to them. Texie and Jack talk of the red lock of "Red Collin," inherited by Ken. And Jack says he's coming back as soon as he finds gold in California. Then arrives the new preacher, Rev. Caleb Hopkins.

CHAPTER II—Continued.

"Mercy! but you're a hard man 't herd. Don't y'u know you're goin' home with us 't supper?"

"First I heard of it," the woodsman drawled, shifting his shoulder against the post.

The girl glanced at the preacher standing at the edge of the road, jerked her head over so slightly toward him—a motion so elusive that it would have escaped anybody else but Jack Warhope—and lowered her voice to a whisper.

"We'll git 'm 't tell us about—Ken."

She turned away. The shoulders left the porch post, and the man followed.

The old banker was holding out his hand for the letters. He glanced them over, grunted, thrust them unopened into the pocket of his faded coat; muttered a word, drew them forth again, sorted out one, stared hard at the address and postmark; and then, with a half petulant grimace, knocked the bunch of letters together, crammed them back into his pocket again and, followed by the others, trudged away up the road.

The venerable widow, like the rest of the village, must have been on the lookout for the new preacher, for she was at the door to meet him as he came up the walk with the others. The old banker presented him.

"So glad to have you come, Brother Hopkins. It has been so dreadfully lonesome since—"

The mild old eyes floated full of tears. The preacher seemed not to notice.

"I saw your husband's obituary in one of the church papers."

The widow dabbed at her eyes with a black-bordered handkerchief; the preacher, in his hesitating, jerky way, went on:

"I immediately wrote to Mr. Collin offering to come on a—ah—sort of vacation trip and serve the congregation until the vacancy could be filled. I was the more attracted to the thought of coming because my health had given way under the dual strain of preaching and teaching. And then, too, I had heard much about Buckeye and the Flatwoods from a—ah—classmate of mine while a student in the college in which I now have the honor to hold a professorship."

The banker frowned thoughtfully; Texie glanced at Jack.

Evening shadows were gathering thick in the corners of the room. The old man, becoming aware of them, glanced about him and turned to the widow.

"Well, Sister Mason, if you don't mind, I'll jist show Brother Hopkins the study, and then you better 't 'long over with us 't supper."

With the fine courtesy of one trained to the paragonage, she excused herself; the old banker went on:

"I b'lieve you said he was 't have the use of the study?"

The widow Mason was only too well used to the crisp curt ways of Simon

east window, thrusting its stout branches so close as almost to brush the panes. Through its opening blossoms and half sprung leaves enough of the day remained to catch a view of the old banker's two or three acres of park-like orchard that lay between the paragonage and the red-roofed cottage.

The young preacher stood at the window and gazed out over the orchard, aromatic with promise, green with its thick mat of blue-grass, white under the trees where the blossoms snowed down.

The banker slapped him on the shoulder. He must have been deeply absorbed in the spell of the place, with its quiet and repose, for he started and laughed nervously.

"I must have been dreaming."

The old man tossed a hand toward the window.

"Not 's bad, is it?"

"It is very beautiful."

"I loved y'u'd like it." The old man rubbed his long bony hands together in a sort of grim satisfaction. "My daughter fools away hours and hours in that seat yonder under the big maple by the spring. I 'low ther ain't a bird comes by she can't mock."

The preacher looked at him curiously, half sternly.

"I can well believe you," he said. "A girl like your daughter, with her quite obvious gifts and possibilities, and so much a part of this wonderful profusion of wild nature about her, would naturally seek some such diversion to keep her life from starving in this out-of-the-way place."

The money-lender pondered these words and seemed on the point of resenting them; but only jerked his thumb toward the window again.

"Took a right smart p'le 't fix it up like that. Money wasted, I tell er. We'll go across that way 't the house, if y'u like."

"It would please me greatly."

The momentary sternness had left the eyes behind the spectacles, the jerky precise voice had resumed its effusive drawl.

When they came down, Texie and Jack had already gone out into the yard. Mrs. Mason was standing in the door, talking to them.

The gray-haired gentlewoman turned to the preacher.

"Brother Hopkins, won't you please run over for a few minutes after supper? I have so longed to talk with a minister since—"

"It is a minister's duty to go where his people call him," he said, in a voice pitched to reach the ears of the others, as it might have seemed. "I shall be very pleased to come."

He bowed himself out and joined the half impatient banker on the doorstep.

"Come on," the old man called to the others down the walk, "we're goin' across the orch'd. Brother Hopkins 'lows he'd like to."

There was no gate between the banker's park-like orchard and the paragonage yard. The fence had to be climbed. When they reached it the preacher offered his hand to the girl, who, to the amazement of the woodsman, took it and allowed him to lift her down—a concession that meant much in the Flatwoods.

At the bridge over Eagle run—merely a huge foot log broad-axed flat along the top—the girl allowed the preacher to assist her again, and the woodsman was treated to his second surprise. He had seen her, hundreds of times, skip across that log as sure-footed as a squirrel.

The path beyond led past the big maple with the rustic seat beneath the shelter of its far-flung branches. At its roots a spring gushed up, lapping the white pebbles of the tiny gutter it had worn for itself on its way to Eagle run.

"Whispering spring," said Texie simply, raising her eyes to the preacher. "Jack named it that. He can think of s' many names 't things. He's a poet, I guess."

The woodsman sidged. The preacher turned toward him, but made no comment.

"My brother, Ken, use 't tell me the fairies come down out of the cliffs at night 't dance around whispering sweet and I b'lieved him—I b'lieved everything he told me them days—and I use 't watch 't the fairies."

She looked up at the preacher; then back into the spring.

"Do you b'lieve in fairies?" She asked the question as if she hoped he did believe in them.

He glanced down at the reflected face in the water. "Yes; there's a fairy peeping into the spring 'right now."

The old banker grunted; the woodsman turned to the face behind the huge spectacles. It was the first thing the preacher had said that caught his interest.

The girl was so entirely an unspoiled creature of the woods that she let the preacher see how much the neat compliment pleased her. With the coils tingling over her face, she sprang over the gnarled roots of the great maple and ran a few steps up the path to the edge of the yard, paused and then hurried on.

The preacher looked after her in his peering way, while the woodsman strode up the path and overtook her at the kitchen door.

"I'll run over and do the chores, and then come back," he said.

He walked on a little way and then came to a little way and then came to a little way.

The girl, just now that he had turned—seemed to know that he would turn back—With her hand on the door casement she waited for him to speak.

The man glanced out over the orchard; up the side of the cliffs; along the timber line that bearded them; came back to the eyes. The inquisi-

tiveness had lessened; the rogulishness deepened.

"You let 'm lift y'u!" he muttered. With an odd, hard little laugh she darted in at the kitchen door.

CHAPTER III

Three Candles.

The last flare of sunset had followed the Wabash out under the rim of the west by the time Jack Warhope came, back along the orchard path to the red-roofed cottage.

From the porch at the front of the house came the drone of the banker's voice, broken occasionally by the preacher's precise, jerky sentences.

Warhope listened for a moment. The money-lender was talking about a quarter-section that he had foreclosed on the day before. The woodsman had heard many an hour of that talk. With a shrug of his shoulders, he pushed the gate open and walked across to the kitchen door.

With a step that the woods had made light as a falling leaf he slipped in and stood motionless. The portly, pudgy form of Mrs. Curry, the housekeeper, was bent over the cook stove, busy with the supper.

The flit of a shadow and the clink of dishes in the adjoining dining room told the grinning intruder that Texie

was "settin'" the table. For such an occasion there would be a white cloth, the best silver would be out, and there would be three candles instead of one.

The clink of the dishes ceased and the girl appeared in the doorway between the two rooms. Seeing Jack, she paused, tried to look severe, but failed.

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The housekeeper in reply was interrupted by a misbehaving skillet and she turned back to the stove.

Supper was on the table. The woodsman took his place with the others. The banker dropped his hands in his lap, nodding toward the preacher, and bowed his head.

The traditions of the Flatwoods called for a long and sonorous grace—a sort of sermonette—when the preacher was a guest, but the new minister seemed never to have heard of any such tradition. The grace he said was so short, so direct and concise, yet so beautiful in thought and diction that the banker looked at him in pleased surprise.

Supper over, there fell a moment of silence—the delicious breath of repose that almost always follows the evening meal in quiet country homes. The old money-lender sat marking on the tablecloth with his fork, as if mapping out the boundary lines of other quarter-sections that he hoped to have the chance to foreclose in a short time.

The girl seized the favorable moment, and leaning forward, said: "Now, Mr. Hopkins, tell us about—my brother—Ken. I've been wishin' all evenin' 't ask y'u."

Her rather stopped marking on the tablecloth and sat very still; the housekeeper crossed her knife and fork on her plate, as the Christians of Spain used to do in the days of Moorish domination; the woodsman let his thoughts revel in the faultless profile of the girl's face. The preacher caught the wistful look in her eyes—the subdued eagerness of one who could not resist the desire to ask, yet dreaded the answer. He fumbled his napkin.

"P. S.—Mr. Collin is dead. He died before he could quite finish signing his name."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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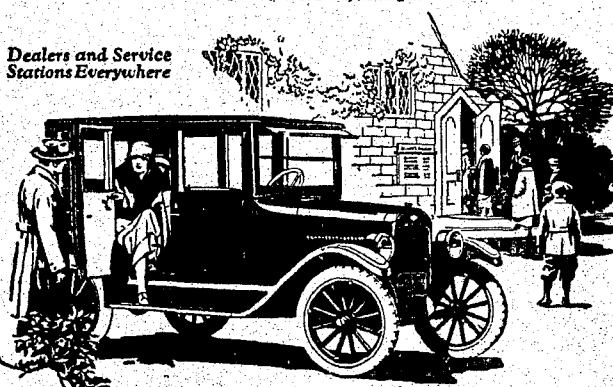
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O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923.

LOCAL NEWS

Buy Shoes, Arties, and Rubbers at Olson's Shoe Store.

Marius Hanson was in Bay City on business this week.

Dance at Charles Corwin's, December 15th, Come one, and come all.

A son was born this Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

Mrs. Delevan Smith, who is making her home in Saginaw, spent a few days in Grayling looking after her interests and visiting old friends.

Mrs. M. R. Crowell was called to East Jordan the fore part of the week by the serious illness of her father. She was accompanied by her little son, Robert.

Frank Gordon and family, of Flint, accompanied by Mrs. James Horton of West Branch motored to Grayling last week and spent several days visiting at the home of Bert Mitchell. Mrs. Horton is the mother of Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Gordon is her son.

Compare our Xmas Cards with others. You will buy your cards at Peterson's Jewelry store.

field, N. J. to Lieut. Russell Emerson Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates, of this city, that will take place at St. Paul's church, Westfield, N. J., on Thursday, December 27th. The local creamery has installed a large new cream separator. This is going to add much to the capacity of that place and will enable them to have on hand plenty of sweet cream at all times. Grayling people would not know how to get along without the creamery now that we have had their splendid service for the past two years. It has afforded the people plenty of milk and cream, which in former years were very scarce articles about Grayling.

PROPER CARE HELPS TWINS TO HEALTH

MARY AND ANNA GAIN 14 AND 16 POUNDS IN FOUR MONTHS

PREVENTORIUM AIDS CHILDREN

Christmas Seal Money is Sole Support of the Educational Campaign Against Tuberculosis.

When Mary and Anna first went to Sunnyside Preventorium, Grand Rapids, the little twins were frail, listless children badly undernourished and in imminent danger of contracting tuberculosis. After a stay of four months at the preventorium Mary showed a gain in weight of 14 pounds and Anna tipped the scales 16 pounds heavier than she did on entering the institution. Both girls are now bright eyed, rosy cheeked little children with health and happiness showing in every look and action.



Not only have Mary and Anna regained their health, but they have also learned how to keep well. They think that the lesson was worth learning. At this time of the year Christmas seals are sold all over the country in order that more people may be benefited as Mary and Anna were. Every seal bought helps to finance the educational program that has already caused preventoria and sanatoria to be erected for the care of Michigan's tuberculous ill. Tuberculosis killed 2,654 Michigan people in 1922.

Christmas seals are now on sale in every community of the state. Every person who buys seals helps other Mary's and Anna's regain health and perhaps even helps to keep them from the final clutch of tuberculosis. Isn't it worth while? Buy Seals.

W. B. A. O. T. M. HELD ELECTION OF OFFICERS THURSDAY EVENING.

The ladies of the W. B. A. O. T. M. held their annual election of officers at the lodge rooms in the I. O. O. F. Temple Thursday evening of last week. The following were chosen at that time to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:

Altha Herie—Commander.
Emma Knibbs—Lieut. Commander.
Sarah Landsberg—Past Commander.
Nora Wheeler—Collector.
Maude Martin—Record Keeper.
Laura McLeod—Lady-at-arms.
Lillian Klingensmith—Sergeant.
Minnie Isenbauer—Picket.
Elizabeth Graham—Sentinel.
Orator—Fanny Richardson.
Organist—Amy Gothro.

LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE HELD THEIR ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of the Ladies National League, which was held Wednesday evening of last week, the annual election of officers took place. The various offices will be filled as follows:

President—Margaret Mitchell.
1st Vice President—Altha Herie.
2nd Vice President—Lucy Morency.
Chaplain—Rattie Sherman.
Secretary—Minnie Yoder.
Treasurer—Lula Ditz.
Marshal—Mary Collier.
Asst. Marshal—Anna Chalker.
Sentinel—Julia Clise.
Picket—Mrs. E. F. Lyons.
A pot luck lunch was served before the close of the meeting.

Look First Before Spanking.

Irate Father—"I called Jimmy four times and as he would not get up I turned down the covers and gave him a sound spanking." "How's that?" "Wife—That means we'll be hunting a new cook." "How's that?" "Jimmy stayed with the Jones boys last night and the cook slept in his bed."

His Christmas Spent at Club

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

Lonesome Rich Man Finds Happiness in Playing Santa Claus

Only he had no plans to make. He gave his employees, and a number of others with whom he came in contact, money at Christmas time. That fulfilled his Christmas demands. Other years he hadn't felt it so much as this year. This year the loneliness seemed lonelier than ever before. His solitary condition saddened him. Well, he would go back to his suite. He would leave the club. Perhaps among his own things he would not feel so lonely. He would not dine at the club; he would have some cheese and crackers and coffee at home. His excellent valet could always prepare a little supper for him.

Outside of the club his chauffeur and car were waiting.

He got in and sat down on the soft, luxuriously upholstered cushions, and the chauffeur closed the door, shutting out the clear, cold Christmas time air and the noise of the streets—the noise of many voices of many people going shopping, with the higher voices of children rising every once in awhile above the din.

His soul seemed to ache. He was alone. Rich, comfortable, luxurious, alone! No one wanted him, needed him, cared for him. He had everything which money could buy; he had enough money to buy everything he wanted.

No, not everything! He wanted love and affection, he wanted to be a part of all this going on outside the luxurious confinement of his car and that he couldn't buy. Mix with the crowds? Yes, he could do that, but not as one of them. Only as a lonely man who had a fat bank account which didn't help in the slightest.

And yet couldn't it help? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He called through the speaking tube to his chauffeur. "I think," he said, "I will get out here and walk the rest of the way home."

The chauffeur was surprised, but he was too well-trained to show surprise. He got out before a large store where in the window was a decorated Christmas tree. He went inside the store. No longer did he feel so lonely. He, too, had a purpose in mind. He was a part of all this now.

Tinsel, candles, red colored paper, ribbons, small toys, decorations, oh, how much he bought. His arms were filled with bundles.

Just as were the arms of others. It was such fun to carry bundles, too. He had never known before the joy of overcrowded arms.

Home he went, carrying his beloved purchases with him. And then he summoned the janitor to his lonely suite, which now seemed filled with the Christmas cheer. He talked it all over with him, the plans for the tree, for his own Santa Claus suit.

He had given the janitor money before, of course. This time he would take part in the Christmas of the children of the janitor.

Christmas morning came. Never had he arisen so early on a Christmas morning. Dressing himself carefully, he went downstairs. He had worked until late the night before, decorating the tree, but he was not tired.

Suddenly there was a cry, a cry of joy such as he had never heard. "Why, there's Santa Claus! Dear, dear Santa Claus!"

The janitor's children had always been afraid of him, but not so of Santa Claus! He undid his pack, he took gifts off the tree, and the children climbed over him, kissed him, hugged him, loved him. With what a splendid gusto they loved him!

And the children begged Santa Claus to stay for dinner. Curious thing for him to be doing! But he stayed, and for the first time, almost since he had been a child himself, he had a Christmas, a real Christmas, a Christmas filled with love which had driven the loneliness out!

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WHEN HE WAS A BOY

What a big-hearted fellow old Santa Claus is. He must have been a newboy.

Invest your money where you know it will be safe 6½ per cent interest offered. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, at Avalanche Office.

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I. O. O. F. OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the last regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge Tuesday evening, December 4th, the annual election of officers took place. Following are the offices and by whom they will be filled.

Noble Grand—Bert Tebo.
Vice Grand—Nels H. Nielsen.
Recording secretary—Axel M. Peterson.
Financial secretary—C. O. McCullough.
Treasurer—Hans Petersen.
Trustee for three years—John C. Yahr.
Hall manager—C. O. McCullough.
Captain at staff—John Yahr.

Last Friday evening the annual election of Temple Encampment of the I. O. O. F. No. 180 took place and following is the list of officers and those who will fill them during the ensuing year.
Chief patriarch—Russell Cripps.
High priest—Bert Tebo.
Senior Warden—Axel M. Peterson.
Junior Warden—E. S. Chalker.
Scribe—Nels H. Nielsen.
Treasurer—Hans Petersen.
At this time the delegate to attend the annual state encampment was chosen. Arnold Lauridsen was chosen as delegate with Al. Lindhal as alternate.

TESTED RECIPES.

French Toast—A New Way.

12 slices white bread, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, salt and pepper.
Beat eggs slightly; add salt, pepper and milk. Pour into soup plate and dip each slice into mixture. Spread on platter and let stand for half an hour. Butter toaster bars and toast on both sides. Serve very hot with powdered sugar, honey, syrup, jam or jelly.

Cinnamon Toast.

Mix 1 teaspoon of cinnamon thoroughly with 1-3 cup sugar. Sprinkle on hot, well-buttered toast. Toast the top side again and serve hot.

This is particularly toothsome with afternoon tea or for Sunday night supper.

If you or your family like raisins, they may be mixed with the sugar and cinnamon, made into a paste with melted butter and spread on dry toast. It is delicious.

Household Hint.

Toast helps the housewife to use up left-overs or to make expensive delicacies go further.

When serving a creamed dish on toast, the housewife should use a cream sauce of moderate thickness and the crispier kind of toast. When this is done the toast absorbs some of the sauce and the flavor without getting the least bit tough.

For the Good She Is.

Hens are exclusive. They like to stick to their own sets.

When a woman reaches the age where she is not worth looking at, she is old enough to be worth listening to.

Take time to think. Memory systems would be all right if you could only remember to use them.

Farmers & Timber Owners Take Notice

A Market for Your

Poplar, White Pine, Birch, Bass Wood and Balsam

Peeled and Unpeeled for Excelsior Bolts

Prices Good Terms Cash

For Prices and Cutting Direction

Write:

A. B. Mudgett
PETOSKEY, MICH.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line.
SEND MONEY WITH ORDER

FOUND—MONDAY AFTERNOON, 1923 license plate No. 215-349, Owner may call at this office for same.

STRAYED FROM MY PREMISES, 9 head of yearlings, black and red with V shaped notch cut in left ear. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts notify HENRY CRALL, P. O. Lewiston, Mich. 11-22-4.

FOR SALE—40 ACRE FARM, 9 tillable, balance second growth hardwood. Maple Forest township, 5 miles from Waters. A bargain. R. A. Salisbury, 115 Inn Road, Battle Creek, Mich. 11-22-4.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT, full cement basement, bath, electric lights, hot water heating system. An exceptional bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

STRAYED TO MY FARM 5 HOLSTEIN calves. Owner may have same by paying charges. J. A. Denno, Fairview Farm, Beaver Creek township, 3 miles south of Military reservation. 12-6-3

LOST—DOUBLE BARREL, 12 gauge shot gun, Sunday night, Dec. 2, between Deward and Grayling. Reward offered for its return. Notify John Kolka at M. C. Round House. 12-6-3.

WANTED TO BUY—SOME CUTTER fills. Johannes Jorgenson. Phone No. 861. 12-13-2.

FOR SALE—BUFFET AND ROUND dining table. Phone 1044. 12-13-2

FOUND—ON THE ROAD BETWEEN Frederic and Grayling, Michigan Auto license plate No. 219-692. Owner call at this office for same.

GENERAL CLEANING AND WASH-

ing wanted. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, 2nd door west of Mercy Hospital. Good reference. 12-13-2.

FOR SALE—A CECILIAN PIANO Player. Cheap for cash. With bench, cabinet and 88 rolls. Phone Avalanche office for particulars. Attaches to any style of piano. 11-29-6.

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Form the Thrift Habit

It has been said that the individual who cannot save might as well give up.

Many do not save because they have not been impressed with the importance of a reserve fund.

Form the saving habit at once. Begin today to set aside a portion of your weekly income.

And then invest that sum in Federal First Mortgage Real Estate Bonds.

In these securities you know your funds are safe and at the same time they earn you a generous rate of interest.

Ask by phone or mail or just drop in and request our new Booklet D. G. 1034

Tax Free in Michigan
6½% First Mortgage Bonds
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A Beautiful New EDISON

MUSIC to meet every mood, not at holiday-time only, but through years to come—music Re-Created in the actual tones of famous artists—that is what the New Edison Phonograph will bring to your home.

Through our Edison Christmas Club you can have this wonderful instrument on terms that enable you to play as you pay.

Stop in today and talk over this convenient plan of purchase.

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JEWELER

LANDSBERG'S 3RD ANNUAL Xmas Sale

Sale Starts Thurs. Dec. 13, Promptly at 9:00 A. M.



New Shirts for Xmas

It is difficult to imagine a Christmas for men, if they did not receive several shirts. To help you

in choosing shirts to fill your Gift needs. We offer our entire stock at prices listed below:

English Broadcloth Pongee, grey and white with a collar to match 4.00 value	2.95
Men's silk shirts collar to match 4.00 val.	2.95
Poplin, white and pongee 3.50 value	2.65
1 lot men's neckband soft cuffs val. to 1.75	1.19
Neckties and Scarfs. A practical gift, knits and silk and wool, all in Xmas boxes, 55c, 75c, 95c	
Brushed Wool Scarfs—	
1.75 value	1.29
2.25 value	1.69
3.00 value	1.95

Close buying is the proper rule on the part of all of us. To meet the demands of the times and of the season we are offering notable Price concessions. The low prices cover not only the merchandise listed below, but all merchandise in our store. To appreciate the value you must see the values for yourself.



Have you selected that Suit or Overcoat? If you haven't, now is the time. We have a big assortment at prices you want to pay.

EXTRA SPECIAL

100 suits, all wool suits, value to \$25.00	\$12.95
Men's blue, brown or grey worsted conservative models, values to \$25.00	\$16.95
Mens Collegian and Stay Pocket clothing, one and two pair pants, finest tailoring, \$35 to \$45 value	\$28.95
1 lot values up to \$30.00	\$21.50
Overcoats, raglan sleeves, 1/2 or full belt. All wool. New models, \$32.50 value for	\$23.75
Other coats at reduced prices.	



A Gift for Everyone

No Christmas is quite complete without slippers under the tree. Slippers for dad, mother, sister and brother. All here at a big saving.

Women's felt slippers, val. \$1.50 to \$1.75 for	95c
Men's \$2.50 value	1.79
Girl's	79c to 1.10

1 lot new fancy Worsted Hose, in brown, green and Gray Heather

Golf Hose small sizes, with roll top. Just the thing for children, 69c, 95c, 1.59

Pocket Books and Vanity Cases \$3 and \$3.50 value \$2.19

Men's Flannel Shirts

Khaki Domet Flannel, \$1.50 VALUE.....95c
Also special prices on our complete stock of fancy and plain color woolen shirts.

Ladies' Sweaters

Half price and less.

Children's Sweaters \$3.50 value, \$1.95



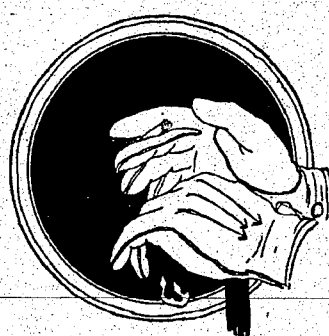
Handkerchiefs

We dare say that 90 per cent of Gift Lists include Handkerchiefs for somebody!

Here's a sale that makes it possible for you to buy more Handkerchiefs for the same amount of money.

FANCY BOXES, WITH WHITE OR COLORED HANDKERCHIEFS, per box.....29c, 39c, and 69c

A BIG ASSORTMENT, values 10c to 50c.....5c, 9c, 19c and 29c



Gloves for Gifts

Your Choice of These Many Kinds. Lined and Unlined.

\$1.50 VALUE.....	\$1.19
\$2.25 VALUE.....	\$1.79
\$2.50 VALUE.....	\$1.95

Ladies' Hosiery

1 lot woolen in brown, green and black heath-ers.....69c
1 lot silk, black, brown, also silk and wool, \$1.75 VALUE for.....\$1.19
Women's brown and black 35c cotton hose for.....19c

Men's Hats

1 lot Velours and Brushed felts, silk lined, all sizes, while they last, values to \$5 for.....\$2.35

Extra Special

Boys' and Girls' fleeced lined, ribbed

Union Suits

sizes 2 to 16, value to \$1.50, while they last

69c a Suit

Christmas Gift Sales

Christmas is the time when our Price Tags build a big business bigger. Customers, don't forget.

LANDSBERG

Men's Heavy

Wool Sox

30c value	19c
75c value	49c
(extra heavy)	
60c value	43c

Coat Prices that sound like the end of the season

CHILDREN'S \$ 9.00 value	6.95	11 and 12 value	8.95
COATS 10.00 value	7.95	15.00 value	9.95

Women's Coats with or without fur collars for dress & sport wear.

Men's Heavy Kersey Pants, Dark Gray, all sizes, \$3 val. for \$1.95
Men's All-Wool Kersey, \$5 to \$5.50, all sizes.....3.65

Sweaters

Pull over with shawl collars and coat style. Also tourist style sport sweaters, two and four pockets. Special Christmas selection. All go at sacrifice prices, too numerous to mention.

Fancy Xmas Towels

60c VALUES.....	43c
\$1.00 VALUE.....	69c
\$1.25 VALUE.....	89c
\$1.50 VALUE.....	\$1.19

Shoe Dept.

SPECIAL PRICES

Our entire stock of Shoes—Edmonds, Beacon, and Friedman-Shelby, for men, women and children at reduced prices.

COMPLETE STOCK OF SHOE PACS FOR MEN.

Edmonds Footfitters, all sizes and shapes.....\$5.50

Genuine Army Blankets

Government O. D. cost U. S. \$10.00 for \$2.89 each

Men's Sweaters

1 lot men's, grey-pull over sweaters, with a roll collar 95c

Leather Coats

A heavy all leather coat with a wool lining, \$15 val. for—\$11.95

Mamma Dolls

You can get a big doll for your baby that will talk, for only—\$1.59
Others for 95c.

Reductions on Soo & Alpena Mackinaws and Pants.

Sheepskin Coats and Leather Vests

Hosiery that Wears

Holeproof, Rugby, Best Knit, all in Xmas boxes. Men's silk hose, \$1 val.....69c
Other values too numerous to mention.

One lot Men's Woolen Gloves 29c a pair

Suit Cases, Trunks and Hand Bags

a new complete line at Special Prices

A present that will last

We'll take care of you any time 'till Xmas, but come early if you can. "I want everyone satisfied."

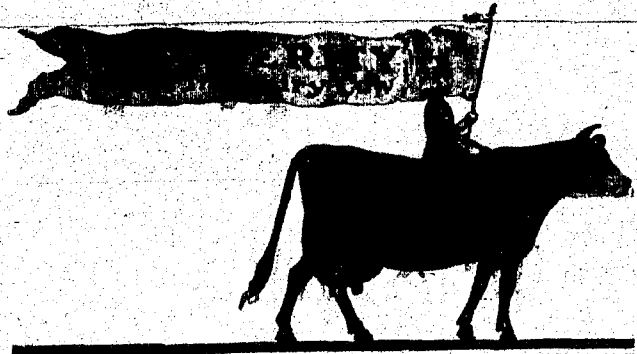
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FARM BUREAU NOTES

R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

LIVESTOCK LEGUMES LIMESTONE MEAN PROFITS IN FARMING

Money-Making Idea Number 6.

Read more about your business—about good soil management, good cow management, good poultry management.

Have more high-class books and papers in your home suitable for yourself, your wife, and your children.

Subscribe for and read your county paper.

Use the money making idea.

Experience Costs Top Much.

Yes, experience is a good teacher; but, it is a slow, cruel, painful, expensive way to learn. I do not know of any farmer in Crawford County who can afford to get by experience what he needs to know. It takes too long and costs too much.

Don't Kid Yourself.

There are farmers in the county who are kidding themselves to believe that they are very practical men because they don't read, and scorn to read anything in the magazines for general information and improvement. They scoff at the idea of reading anything dug out at great expense and through long effort of several hundred bright men at fifty agricultural colleges and experiment stations, about feeds and feeding, soil improvement, control of plant diseases and insect pests, about stock improvement and stock diseases.

How Come?

How do these men get so wise? They knew but little when they started farming. They have read nothing, nor carried on experiments of any value, nor been anywhere to learn anything of value about the profitable, skillful management of their soil, crops, stock or poultry.

What Travelers Find.

County Agents and extension men from the agricultural colleges always find that the men who are doing the best things, making the fewest mistakes, are the quickest to catch on to new ideas, are quickest to let go of losing practices, are the easiest to talk to about the value of green manures, cover crops, spraying, short rotation, legumes, lime, better breeding, more skillful feeding, more skillful care of stable manures, more skillful soil management.

They find that the readers, the open-minded men, are almost always the ones who come to meetings and demonstrations, are the ones whose places look the best, are the ones who are getting the best and the most out of farm life.

What To Improve First.

The farmer is of more importance than the farm, and should be the first to be improved.

The Chilly Look.

Every county agent finds that the men who poke fun at his work, who run it down in a crowd, who never call at his office, who pay no attention to the letters and circulars he mails out, who call his work a graft, who will not listen when he calls at the house, who never invites him in, or to come again, who tell the crowd: "I can run my own farm alright; I don't need no advice from no county agent, nor out of no papers nor no books," every county agent, if he wanted to be bluntly honest, as he looks around at poor buildings, poor crops, scrub cows, soil getting poorer, nasty little hen house, barren, empty lives of the family because there are no books, papers, magazines, pictures or music in the house worth mentioning, could say: "Yes, things show that you are a hell of a farmer."

John Graham.

Years ago John Graham, a young man worked on my farm at Gaylord. He had been taken out of a country school by his father and put to work. He had followed camps, mills, and the life of a sailor on the Great Lakes. The season he was with me he read the greater part of the books in one of the State Library's Traveling Libraries of fifty books. He read a lot of my books. He read the cream of the twenty-five papers and magazines that I took.

He gave me long, good, day's work, too. Life became to him, as it has to me, far more than a mere round of work, eat, sleep. He lived in a world

of ideas while holding the lines or cleaning out stables.

Like the Bees.

Just as when we spread honey on bread we use the concentrated effort of many bees for a long time; so when a man reads tonight a bulletin on soil improvement, the next night, a bulletin on some other subject, he is crowding into those three evenings the cream of what it has taken other men, just as smart, years to find out.

Why not do so?

No farmer will ever live long enough to learn by himself the things he needs to know. He must gather to himself, by reading, the best that hundreds of other men have found out. He may thus make his one life equal to a thousand lives. He owes this to himself, to his wife and children, to his community. There is a moral obligation upon every one of us to make of ourselves all that can be made.

Poor Way To Prosper.

I yearn for the increased prosperity and the enriched lives of the farmers I meet. Their good is my life work.

I regret that half the farmers of the county say they cannot afford to take the county paper. I regret that so few buy themselves the books they ought to have. I regret that so many say they are too poor to take a good farm paper or two, and a good magazine for the wife, and a good paper for the growing children.

It's a poor way to try to prosper. A man must be treading all day in a peck measure, and be doing mighty little head work with his farming, if he has got to take his prosperity out of his family's hide.

Be Good To Yourself.

Christmas is coming. Treat yourself and family to something worth while. Don't let Christmas mean merely a little candy, a ball of popcorn, a funny, cheap picture book.

Subscribe for The Michigan Farmer and Hoard's Dairyman.

Make your sons and daughters a Christmas present. Of The Youth's Companion. There is not a more wholesome, helpful paper for the young printed in the English language.

Treat your wife to Ladies' Home Journal or Pictorial Review, or Woman's Home Companion.

Take the American Magazine for the whole family. Its rich articles are a tonic for all.

Add to this the Popular Mechanics. It's great for general information on what new machines and inventions are coming out. Its shop notes are very helpful.

The delighted scanning of its pages may ring the rising bell in the dormitory of the soul of many a country boy.

Not Too Poor.

One man who has made a great success of his life said: "My parents were poor, very poor. We lived in the simplest way, and suffered many privations. Yet, we were never so poor that we did not have the good books we children needed. I attribute my success in life to a good mother and the good books she made it possible for me to read."

School Officers Should Do It.

School officers should not delay in providing The Michigan Farmer, The Michigan Business Farmer, Hoard's Dairyman, Youth's Companion, Popular Mechanics for the reading table of each and every school in the county. These papers are as legitimate a part of the equipment as charts.

How are we to progress in farm methods if the young are not taught some of the better ideas in better farming?

A good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit ennobled and treasured upon purpose to a life beyond life. —Milton.

"In the best books great men talk to us, give us their most precious thoughts, and pour their souls into ours." —Channing.

"For wise men, the joys of reading are life's crowning pleasures." —Hill.

"Books are tools for the mind. Saving man's time and strength, books also increase his manhood and multiply his brain forces." —Hillis.

This Simple Mixture Helps Weak Eyes

Grayling people are astonished at the QUICK results produced by simple camphor, hydrastis, witchhazel, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash. After being afflicted with weak, watery red eyes for many years a lady reports the FIRST bottle Lavoptik helped her. One small bottle usually helps ANY CASE weak, strained or sore eyes. Aluminum eye cup FREE. A. M. Lewis, druggist.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Meeting Held on the 3rd. day of December, 1923.

Trustees present: Wingard, Sales, Atkinson, Hoelsi, McCullough, and Eva K. Reagan. Trustees absent: none.

Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved.

To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling:

Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

Selling Hanson Co., straw \$ 2.15
Grayling Electric Co., electric service for Oct. 1923 144.95
Tony Nelson, dry goods 189.00
O. P. Seligman, grating 8.50
George Burke, Oct. and Nov. storage and supplies for fire truck 12.80
N. Scholtz, oil 1.02

Frank Sales, Eva Reagan, C. O. McCullough Committee.

Moved by Sales, supported by Atkinson, that the accounts be allowed as charged and the clerk is herewith authorized to draw orders in payment of same. Nay and Yea vote called, all members present voting yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Sales, supported by McCullough, that special authority be delegated to J. H. Wingard, who is hereby authorized to cause the removal of the two traffic markers on M14 and to hire and superintend the removal of them to effect their complete removal from their present location. Nay and Yea vote called, all members present voting yea. Motion carried.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling: Your special committee on Water Works, duly appointed at a previous session of the Board, as shown by the record thereof, respectfully report herewith as follows in respect of the investigation authorized to be made at the time such appointment was authorized.

We have communicated with and engaged a competent engineer to make estimates and proposals of a water works system designed to meet the present needs and also the anticipated future requirements of the Village of Grayling in respect thereof, there has been prepared and is herewith submitted the proposal and estimates in detail of a new water works system for the Village, which not only is a decided improvement but provides an adequate means of water supply for domestic use as well as a much needed sufficient protection against fires, the necessity of which is placed much in evidence from the several fires, which have occurred with the Village, in the short time past.

Your Committee has thoroughly examined the proposals submitted and has investigated the necessity of such improvements as are stated therein and do herewith endorse the recommendation made in this report for a new water works plant and system.

We will call your attention to the manner in which the proposal is placed before you showing the advantages and absolute necessity for an improvement in this utility, as a means of a protection to life and property.

Comparisons have been made and set forth in detail and in such manner as to make them clearly understandable relative to methods of installation and the manner of providing sufficient distribution of usable water for household purposes as well as fire fighting and other general purposes within the Village.

We ask that one copy of this proposal be filed with the Village Clerk for the inspection of the general public in which same shall be preserved together with two other copies for future reference to them when needed.

Signed: Frank Sales, J. H. Wingard, Dan Hoelsi, Committee.

Dated December 3rd, 1923.

RESOLVED That Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of law wherein villages are empowered to hold special elections, when said special elections are properly authorized by and with the concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Common Council thereof, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to borrow money and issue the bonds of the Village therefor for the express and direct purpose of creating a fund to be established in addition to those already established and separate therefrom for the purpose of providing finances for a municipal purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the said authority is obtained, under the law, by submitting to the qualified electors of the village for their approval, the proposition of said borrowing of money and issuing of bonds therefor, and,

WHEREAS, the specific amount so required for such municipal purpose herein referred to will not exceed in the aggregate a total of \$75,000 of which amount it is proposed to be and shall be expended for the purpose of construction, laying and completing an adequate and sufficient Municipal Water Works System, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and for the best interest of this village to be so equipped that it becomes necessary that the said proposition be referred to the qualified electors of the Village of Grayling for their approval or disapproval, as may be.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That

1. A special election of the qualified electors of the said Village of Grayling be and is herewith authorized to be, and hereby is called to be held at the regular polling place in said village of Grayling, which said special election shall be held on Monday, the fourteenth day of January A. D. 1924.

2. That the Village Clerk and is herewith instructed and directed to issue the necessary notice of such special election in the manner provided by law for the issuing of notices of election, and that the same shall be given at least fifteen full days before said election by posting such notices of registration and election in the regular polling place and ten other public places within the Village of Grayling, and by publishing a copy thereof

twice prior to such election which said publication of said notice shall be at least fifteen full days prior to the holding of such special election in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper per printed and having a general circulation within the Village of Grayling, and which notice shall set forth the purpose and object of the election as fully as are required to be set forth.

3. That the Board of Registration for the Village of Grayling be and is herewith authorized and directed to be held in the manner and at the time and place prior to such election as is provided under the law for holding such Board of Registration.

4. That the Form of such notice of said Special Election shall be in substantially the following form:

Special Election.

To the Electors of the Village of Grayling:

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling, held on the third day of December, A. D. 1923, the following resolution was adopted: RESOLVED That the question of the authorization to the Village Council of the Village of Grayling to borrow money and issue the bonds of said Village of Grayling therefor shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the said village at a special election to be held on Monday the fourteenth day of January A. D. 1924 and a special election is hereby called to be held in the said village of Grayling aforesaid on the day last aforesaid for the purpose of taking such vote.

NOTICE is further given that said question will be stated on the ballots to be used at said election, as follows: Shall the Common Council of the Village of Grayling be authorized to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing, laying and completing a new water works system for the Village of Grayling, in an amount of not to exceed \$75,000 at an annual rate of interest not to exceed 6%.

5. The form of ballot to be used at such special election shall be in substantially the following form: Shall the Common Council of the Village of Grayling be authorized to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing, laying and completing a new water works system for the Village of Grayling, in an amount of not to exceed \$75,000 at an annual rate of interest not to exceed 6%.

6. That such notice shall include a statement of all the items enumerated above and shall be signed by the village clerk.

7. That the proper affidavits of the publication and posting of such registration and election notices shall be filed in the office of the village clerk.

8. That the canvass of the result of the vote thereon at said election shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 7, Act 25, P. A. 1917.

9. That the polls of such election shall be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon on the day of such special election.

Moved by Sales, supported by Wingard, that the resolution be accepted, approved and adopted. Yea and nay vote called. Yea, Wingard, Sales, Atkinson, Hoelsi, McCullough and Reagan. Nays none. Thereupon the motion was declared carried and the resolution declared adopted.

Chris Jensen, Village Clerk, Moved and supported we adjourn. Motion carried.

NOTICE

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the lands herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a conveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned of the full amount of the taxes of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars as additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of land: State of Michigan, County of Crawford.

Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$7.07. Tax for year 1917.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 30, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$12.48. Tax for year 1918.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$255.74 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Henry A. Bauman, Place of business, Grayling, Mich.

To Ebenezer J. Wright and James Davidson, last granted in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

State of Michigan, County of Crawford.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within notice was delivered to me for service on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1923, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that date until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Ebenezer J. Wright and James Davidson or of either of them, the persons appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, to be the last grantees in the regular chain of title to the within described lands at the said date of the said delivery of such notice to me for service, but am reliably informed that they are both dead or of the heirs of said grantees or of either of them, or mortgagees, or assignees, or whereabouts or the postoffice address of the executors, administrators, trustees, or guardians of such grantees, mortgagees or assignees upon the foregoing described land.

Peter F. Jorgenson, Sheriff of said County.

Dated Nov. 27, 1923. My fees, \$ 11-29-4.

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Any information and first proceedings in connection with this Court will be had at my office at Sorenson Bros.

GEORGE SORENSON Judge of Probate.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated March 14, 1916, executed by Fred N. Waterman and Gene-Ess Waterman, his wife, to the Roscommon State Bank, a corporation, of Roscommon, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Crawford county in Liber F of Mortgages on page 42 on March 16, 1916; and

Whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is \$518.50 of principal and taxes and interest and attorney fee provided by law, which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law, to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; whereby, the power of sale therein contained has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the said power of sale, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on February 1, 1924, at one o'clock, P. M., which premises are described as follows:

The west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, township twenty-five north, range two west, Crawford county, Michigan.

Dated November 1, 1923. Roscommon State Bank, Mortgagees.

Hiram R. Smith, Attorney for Mortgagees, Business Address: Roscommon, Michigan. 11-3-13

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Locals

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923.

Al Cramer went to Bay City on business Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Amborski entertained her sister of Gaylord over Sunday.

Mrs. Josephine Conklin and son Bernard visited in Saginaw the past week.

Frank Tetu was in Saginaw on business the latter part of the week, returning Sunday morning.

There will be a regular meeting of Grayling chapter O. E. S. No. 83 on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson was in Bay City on business Saturday. She was accompanied by her son Marius.

Victor Salling is absent from his place in the Salling Hanson Co. hardware store, detained at his home by illness.

For the whole family: Shoes, Rubbers, Artics and Slippers. Olson's Shoe Store.

Mrs. James Bowen and Mrs. Hattie Colten left the fore part of the week by auto to spend a number of days in Detroit.

Regular meeting of Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A. M. Thursday evening, December 20th, 1923. Election of officers.

This will be a jewelry Christmas. Our assortment of gifts was never better than now.

Carl W. Peterson, Jeweler.

Dallas Cox has resigned his position as pharmacist at the Central Drug Store and is succeeded by Mr. Leo Rorobacker of Traverse City.

B. Peter Johnson was so well that he was able to leave Mercy Hospital last Friday. He is recovering rapidly from his recent serious illness.

Dance at Charles Corwin's, December 15th. Come one, and come all.

Miss Elsie Erickson arrived Tuesday from Grand Rapids to spend the holidays visiting her aunts, Mrs. Adler Jorgenson and Mrs. James Sorenson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hawkins of Portland, Oregon, on November 29th, a daughter Wanda May. Mrs. Hawkins was formerly Miss Hilda Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Sorenson are enjoying having as their guest the latter's mother Mrs. Elma Anderson of Cadillac, who will remain over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Corwin left for Ann Arbor Saturday to consult specialists concerning the health of the former. They were accompanied by Nels Corwin.

Of interest to Grayling friends will be the announcement of the birth of a daughter, Grace Elmore, on December 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Powell of Detroit.

All Oddfellows are requested to be out at the next regular meeting next Tuesday evening, December 18, as there is very important business to come up before the meeting.

John Mathiesen, baggage master at the local M. C. depot, who was confined to his home for several days with illness is able to be out and around again although not able to be back on the job.

Miss Beatie Brown and Henry Trudo enjoyed a motor trip to Saginaw last Saturday, where they visited the former's sister, Mrs. Burt Scholz, making the trip in the latter's brand-new Hudson coach.

George Leonard of Flint, a former resident of Grayling and the son of Mrs. John Leonard of this city, is reported to be in quite a serious condition in Hurley Hospital, Flint, as the result of an automobile accident.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lamont returned home yesterday from Detroit, where she had been for a number of weeks, during which time she had a cataract removed from one of her eyes. Her eyesight is greatly improved as the result.

Most everyone who drives an automobile motored somewhere last Sunday. Many enjoyed the trip to Gaylord over the new stretch of road, recently completed on M-14 between Frederic and Waters. The day was just like a summer's day.

Have your prescriptions filled at the Central Drug Store.

Frank Rood expects to leave tomorrow for St. Louis, Mich., to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law, Daniel O'Boile, who passed away in Billings, Montana, and whose remains are being brought to St. Louis for burial, accompanied by his wife, who is a sister of Mr. Rood.

Fire last Friday morning destroyed the former Joseph Mayo home on the South Side, recently purchased by M. A. Atkinson. The fire was caused by an over-heated stove, and had a good start before it was noticed, as it occurred at about 6:30 in the morning. The house was occupied by the Bert Chappel family, altho the household furniture belonged to the Mayo family and was covered by insurance. The dwelling was also covered by insurance.

The local high school classes are interested in intra class basketball, each one of the classes having organized a team. There will be games among the various classes two evenings each week, one series having been played last Tuesday evening and others will take place Friday evening of this week. A lot of enthusiasm is being shown and no doubt there will be some hot competition for honors when the tournament takes place which will be some time later. Due to a financial deficit from the foot ball season it has been decided to charge 10c admission to these games in order to raise some necessary money. Watch for dodgers telling on what nights the games will be played next week. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these games.

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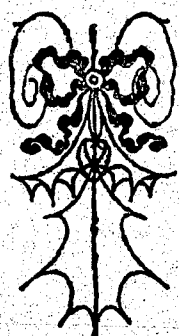
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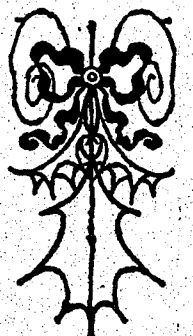


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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith are happy over the arrival of a son at their home last Wednesday evening.

The ladies of St. Mary's church will give a card party at Shoppenagon Inn tonight. There will be bridge and "500" and everyone is cordially invited.

When you have a gift to send out of town, buy it at Peterson's Jewelry store. We will wrap and ship it for you and guarantee delivery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bradley of Bay City arrived Tuesday. Mrs. Bradley coming to visit her mother, Mrs. L. H. Chamberlin, who has been ill for almost a year.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson returned last Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Detroit and Pittsburg, Pa., having spent Thanksgiving the guest of her mother Mrs. Schaefer at the latter place.

The boys and girls of the south side have been for some time enjoying weekly parties the boys paying hall rent for the use of the Finn hall, and the girls furnishing the refreshments for each party. This week they were invited to the home of Paul Svirais where a pleasant evening was spent, which was Tuesday evening.

Our Christmas cards are the highest class goods, and cost no more than cheaper goods. Carl W. Peterson, Jeweler.

Miss Grace Bauman returned home Saturday after having spent a couple of months visiting friends in New York and Detroit. Mrs. Bauman, who had spent several days in Detroit returned with her.

The regular meeting of the Danish Young People's society at Danebod hall last Thursday evening was well attended and a fine time was had. Mrs. Kjolhede gave an interesting talk, and a light lunch was served by the committee. The society meets every two weeks on Thursday evening at Danebod hall and all the young Danish people are cordially invited to attend.

The Charity Ball which will be given on New Year's Eve, December 31st will undoubtedly be the most enjoyable affair of the winter season. This will be given under the auspices of the Hospital Aid society, the proceeds of the party to go to Grayling Mercy Hospital. The Charity ball is an annual affair and each year it is looked forward too with much pleasure. Plan on attending, tickets will soon be on sale.

Our new Xmas stationery is now ready for your inspection. Central Drug Store.

We now have a complete line of footwear for the whole family. Olson's Shoe Store.

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C. J. Hathaway, optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling from 2:00 p. m. Dec. 26th to 1:30 p. m. the 28th. This will take place of the usual January visit.

The Bridge club met Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Marius Hanson. The new Taylor system of tallies was used and much enjoyed. Mrs. Holger Peterson received the prize and Mrs. A. M. Lewis the guest prize. Mrs. Charles Coyle, Mrs. Harry Pool, and Mrs. A. M. Lewis were guests.

Mrs. Joseph DeLosh and daughter Miss Elsie who with Miss Katherine Klesch perished in a fire that destroyed the DeLosh home in Santiago a small settlement in Arenosa County, were mother and sister of Mrs. Leo Etue of Flint, a former resident of Grayling. The fire started in the DeLosh farm home at 6:00 Wednesday morning of last week, and Mr. DeLosh was the only one who escaped and he received some severe burns. Miss Klesch, whose home was in East Tawas, was teacher of the Santiago school and boarded at the DeLosh home. Mrs. Etue's parents had often visited her during her residence in Grayling.

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Michigan Happenings

Among the prominent speakers that addressed the third annual conference of health officers and public health nurses of Michigan, at Lansing, Dr. O. D. Kimball, of Cleveland, ranks as one of the foremost authorities on gopher control in the country. Intensive surveys will be conducted in four counties, covering the entire school population of each county. These counties have been selected on the basis of a survey of Michigan water, being conducted by the state laboratories in Lansing.

Inability of Muskegon to handle the crowds which desired to attend the football games during the last season has caused the Athletic Association to give serious consideration to the enlargement of Hackley Field and the erection of a stadium. The new field will cover two blocks and will give a seating capacity for 12,000 people. The land was purchased two years ago by the board of education and the new field is a part of the general program worked out at that time.

John Earls, 24 years old, the oldest active veterinarian in this state, an old pioneer of Maple Township, Sanilac County, died recently at his home. Mr. Earls was active until a short time before his death, having made a professional call two hours previous. He settled in Maple Valley in 1883, carried the first plow upon his back into the township and operated a horsepower threshing outfit for many years before the steam engine was introduced.

The largest drain ever laid out in Monroe County has been finished. It is the Ottawa Lake Outlet drain, traversing Whitford, Monroe County, and Riga, Lenawee County, commencing at Ottawa Lake and emptying into Ten-Mile Creek at Sylvania, Ohio. The contractor was obliged to remove 28,000 yards of stone. It is 6.12 miles long, 12 feet deep, 44 to 60 feet wide, two-thirds in Whitford Township and the balance in Riga.

Subject to the approval of the board of managers of the Michigan Soldiers Home, the state administrative board last week tentatively approved the use of 54 acres of state land by the city of Grand Rapids for a park. A donation from Grand Rapids to the board of the city now has a park of about 150 acres, and it desires to add the 54-acre tract, which is directly across from the soldiers' home.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, by a unanimous vote, have extended a call to the Rev. Steward McClelland. The church is 103 years old, and during that time 26 ministers have presided. It was in the present church building that Elizabeth Bacon was married to Gen. George A. Custer, the noted Indian fighter and victim of the Big Horn Massacre.

Frank E. Gorman, state treasurer, has called in \$1,500,000 from out-state banks which are state depositories to replenish the general fund. The reason for the call, it was said, was that the state failed to sell \$3,000,000 worth of highway bonds last month and that amount has already been loaned the Highway Department from the general fund in anticipation of the sale.

Edward Carl, 2 years old, and his brother, Charles Eugene, 4 years old, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Garon, Menominee, died last week of diphtheria. The parents did not realize the children had been so seriously ill.

The public school building at National Mine, a suburb of Ishpeming, completed last year at a cost of \$100,000, was totally destroyed by fire last week.

Miss Helen S. Sauers, 78 years old, who retired last year after having taught for 57 years in the Grand Rapids public schools, died last week.

Deportation of Lansing aliens who persist in selling liquor has been demanded by Prosecuting Attorney Barnard Pierce of Ingham County.

The electors recently voted to bond for \$50,000 to erect a new Park school at Marshall, to replace the one wrecked by fire October 1.

Hunters in the Tobacco river district, north of Gay, report an abundance of wolves in that territory.

Mrs. Helen A. Huston, 38 years old, and for 60 years a resident of Lansing died recently.

Rev. M. H. Kingsbury, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Holland, has resigned his pastorate and will accept a chair on the faculty of the Bible Institute in Chicago.

Brookline, Mass., Mrs. P. S. Saunders, recently presented a bouquet containing 99 roses to her husband, Mr. J. H. Saunders, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

John Clayton, 97 years old, the oldest member of Sanilac County, died at his home in Melvin recently. Mr. Clayton settled in Speaker Township in 1855 upon a farm that later became the Village of Melvin. He began cutting the first timber to make the railroad through that village, which now runs trunk line M-33.

The Michigan State Association of Farmers Clubs held its thirty-first annual meeting at M. A. C. Agricultural Hall, recently.

At the Comstock park state fish hatchery, Grand Rapids, where 41,875,160 fry were raised during the last year, are 16 oddities seldom seen in such an institution. They are Albino brook trout, which Fred Westerman, superintendent of the state hatchery at Harrietta, recently shipped to Superintendent Dwight Lydell. Out of 1,000,000 trout hatched at the Comstock park hatchery, Lydell reports having been about 20 of the Albino trout, none of which, however, have lived past the fingerling stage. Those received from the Harrietta hatchery are a year old.

Fear that a firebug has renewed his efforts to burn the museum, and its contents, has caused University of Michigan authorities to close the museum to the public and place a 24-hour guard about the building. It was announced by Paul Bulky, acting secretary of the university. A reward has been posted for the apprehension of the person accountable for any fires started on university property. This action was prompted by the finding of the remains of a fire in the basement of the museum.

Falling off of at least 50 per cent in number of farmers in Oakland county in the last three years is reported by the county farm bureau following the opening of its drive for membership at Pontiac. State bureau workers canvassing the county report in one township there are 3,000 idle acres. Farmers are leaving the land stand idle while they work in factories, the reports show, and many have sold land for plating which was under the plow three years ago.

University of Michigan's department of journalism has been requested by Mrs. Marie Maloney, editor of the Delineator, who proposes to offer a prize of \$3,000 for the "most constructive interpretation" of women's work published in newspapers, to act as judge for the middle west, according to an announcement made by President M. L. Burton.

The annual meeting of the Association of High School Principals of Michigan, under the auspices of the Michigan State Teachers' Association, was held at Lansing. Officers of the association are: President, R. W. Ward, Mt. Clemens; vice-president, F. J. DuFrain, Pontiac; secretary-treasurer, W. W. Haggard, Saginaw.

Seventeen hundred pounds of turkey was purchased by the steward of the State Hospital for the insane at Traverse City and the inmates had all the turkey they wanted Thanksgiving Day. In addition to the turkey the inmates had the trimmings of a Thanksgiving dinner, including cider and mince pie.

Answering the complaint of Thumb residents that they are suffering from poor Pere Marquette railroad service, officials of the system announced from Saginaw that truck shipments have cut into Thumb business to such an extent that so far this year it has cost \$1.08 to earn \$1.

The City of Chicago is asking the assistance of newspapers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in locating a 60-foot Christmas tree, to be used in a municipal celebration in the Illinois metropolis, according to a report from Marquette.

Hog cholera has spread to St. Joseph county, Vere Gorbud, of Fawn River township, having lost 14 hogs in the last week. This is the only farm in St. Joseph county where the disease is known to have broken out.

At the twenty-first annual state older boy's conference held at Ann Arbor, Frank Bush, of Detroit, was elected president of the state organization of H-Y clubs, and Walter Neller, of Lansing, secretary.

Michigan's 1924 conference of the Older Boys, the twenty-second of its kind, will be held in Muskegon, it was decided by the delegates meeting there. Kalamazoo was the only other city extending an invitation.

Students and alumni of the University of Michigan paid honor to Prof. Eliel Saarinen, the noted Finnish architect, who has been at the university several weeks as visiting professor of architecture.

Dr. Marion LeRoy Jurtin, president of the University of Michigan, delivered the principal address at the formal dedication of Flint's new \$1,500,000 high school building last week.

The village schools at "den, a summer resort near Petoskey have been closed because of scarlet fever. Seven pupils are ill with the disease and it is feared others may be exposed.

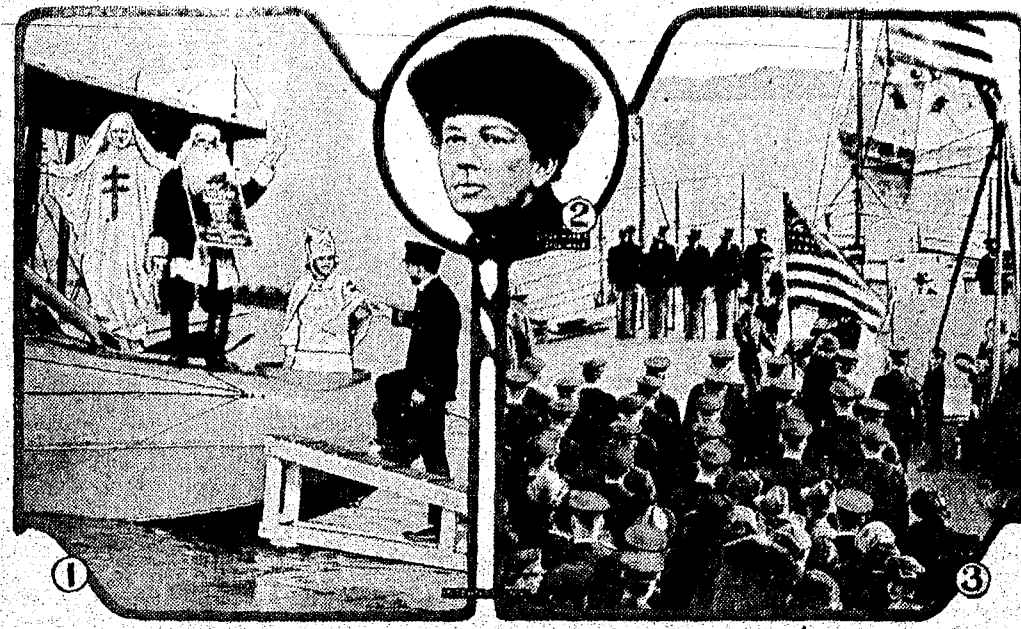
Herbert Steger, who has been named as captain of the 1924 U. S. football team, has the distinction of never having played in a game which his team lost.

Patients registered at the University of Michigan hospital during the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled 20,686, an increase of 2,867 over 1922. Dr. Christopher G. Parnall, director of the hospital, announced.

Manistee County voters recently approved a \$130,000 bond issue to provide for the county's share of paving M-11. Two districts in the county voted 99 per cent for the issue while Spring Lake Township turned in a 100 per cent vote.

More than 100 Michigan boys and girls spent a week in Chicago attending the International Live Stock Exposition, according to an announcement by R. A. Turner, head of the Boys and Girls Club work throughout the state.

Patriarchs of Bellevue Township near Charlotte, plan a banquet for the middle of January. "Youngsters" below 70 years will not be admitted. There are 32 in the township eligible to attend.



1—Christmas seal boosters arriving in Washington by airplane. 2—Wife of President Albert of Germany snatched as she was leaving a government office in Berlin. 3—Scene on the deck of the new United States battleship West Virginia as she was being commissioned with Captain Senn as commander.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Coolidge in First Message Favors Tax Reduction, Opposes Soldiers' Bonus.

TORIES LOSE IN ENGLAND

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

OUR national legislative mill reopened on Monday when the Sixty-eighth congress began its first session. Plenty of grist will be poured into its hoppers, but few if any laws will be ground out for several weeks. So silent is the present Republican majority that the group of progressives was able to block the organization of the house until assurance had been given that there would be opportunity for revision of the rules. Most of the group thereupon voted for the re-election of Speaker Gillett and the deadlock was ended. This took place on Wednesday, and the next day President Coolidge delivered in person his first message to the two houses.

Clearly and concisely, the President declared himself in favor of continuing our present foreign policy and therefore against the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations. Said he: "The league exists as a foreign agency. We hope it will be helpful. But the United States does not reason to limit its own freedom and independence of action by joining it. We shall do well to recognize this basic fact in all national affairs and govern ourselves accordingly."

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Live Stock and Meats
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Medium and good beef steers \$13.50@14.50; butchers cows and calves \$12.50@13.50; feeder steers \$11.50@12.50; light and medium veal calves \$10.50@11.50; fat lambs \$11.50@12.50; feeding lambs \$10.50@11.50; yearlings \$11.50@12.50; fat hogs \$12.50@13.50; light hogs \$11.50@12.50; heavy hogs \$10.50@11.50.

Fruits and Vegetables
New York round whites \$1.50@1.60; sacked and bulk per 100-lb. mostly \$1.20. In Chicago, \$0.90@1.00. Danish type cabbage Chicago \$2.00@2.25 bulk per ton; in Chicago, \$0.90@1.00. Onions \$1.00@1.25; in Chicago, \$0.80@1.00. Potatoes \$1.00@1.25; in Chicago, \$0.80@1.00. Apples Eastern York Imperial \$1.25@1.50 per box in Philadelphia. Baldwin \$1.25 in New York. Northwestern extra fancy Jonathans, \$2.00@2.25 per box mid-western markets.

Grain
Quoted December 6: No. 1 dark Northern spring, Minneapolis \$1.22@1.25; No. 1 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.10@1.11; No. 2 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.08@1.10; No. 3 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.06@1.08; No. 4 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.04@1.06; No. 5 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.02@1.04; No. 6 hard winter, Chicago, \$1.00@1.02; No. 7 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.98@1.00; No. 8 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.96@0.98; No. 9 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.94@0.96; No. 10 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.92@0.94; No. 11 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.90@0.92; No. 12 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.88@0.90; No. 13 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.86@0.88; No. 14 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.84@0.86; No. 15 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.82@0.84; No. 16 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.80@0.82; No. 17 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.78@0.80; No. 18 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.76@0.78; No. 19 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.74@0.76; No. 20 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.72@0.74; No. 21 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.70@0.72; No. 22 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.68@0.70; No. 23 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.66@0.68; No. 24 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.64@0.66; No. 25 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.62@0.64; No. 26 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.60@0.62; No. 27 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.58@0.60; No. 28 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.56@0.58; No. 29 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.54@0.56; No. 30 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.52@0.54; No. 31 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.50@0.52; No. 32 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.48@0.50; No. 33 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.46@0.48; No. 34 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.44@0.46; No. 35 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.42@0.44; No. 36 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.40@0.42; No. 37 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.38@0.40; No. 38 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.36@0.38; No. 39 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.34@0.36; No. 40 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.32@0.34; No. 41 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.30@0.32; No. 42 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.28@0.30; No. 43 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.26@0.28; No. 44 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.24@0.26; No. 45 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.22@0.24; No. 46 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.20@0.22; No. 47 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.18@0.20; No. 48 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.16@0.18; No. 49 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.14@0.16; No. 50 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.12@0.14; No. 51 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.10@0.12; No. 52 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.08@0.10; No. 53 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.06@0.08; No. 54 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.04@0.06; No. 55 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.02@0.04; No. 56 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 57 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 58 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 59 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 60 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 61 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 62 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 63 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 64 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 65 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 66 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 67 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 68 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 69 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 70 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 71 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 72 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 73 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 74 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 75 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 76 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 77 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 78 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 79 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 80 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 81 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 82 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 83 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 84 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 85 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 86 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 87 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 88 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 89 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 90 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 91 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 92 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 93 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 94 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 95 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 96 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 97 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 98 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 99 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02; No. 100 hard winter, Chicago, \$0.00@0.02.

WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSICS

By MARGARET BOYD

"And if aught else great bards beside in sage and solemn tones have sung, . . . Where more is meant than meets the ear." —Penseroso.

"Well, the world has a million writers. One would think, then, that good thought would be as familiar as air and water, and the gifts of each new hour would exclude the last. Yet we can count all our good books; nay, I remember any beautiful verse for twenty years," wrote Emerson.

The classics, what Emerson calls "our good books," have, after all, changed little since Milton's day. He and succeeding writers have added a few volumes; but in general the classics of three centuries ago are the classics of today. Plato, the Greek tragedians, Homer, and Shakespeare are writers whose works will endure as long as our civilization endures.

What causes a book to endure? Emerson says: "Only those books come down which deserve to last. All the gilt edges and vellum and morocco, all the presentation copies to the libraries will not preserve a book in circulation beyond its intrinsic value. Blackstone, Kortebeur or Pollock may endure for a night, but Moses and Homer stand forever. There are not in the world at any one time more than a dozen persons who read and understand Plato—never enough to pay for an edition of his works; yet to every generation these come duly down, for the sake of those few persons, as if God brought them in His hand. The permanence of all books is fixed by no effort, friendly or hostile, but by their own specific gravity or the intrinsic importance of their contents to the constant mind of man."

Whatever other characteristics a classic may possess, it is safe to say of it that "more is meant than meets the ear." Children reading the classics in high school rarely enjoy them—what meets the ear is of less absorbing interest than the latest newspaper scandal, and high school pupils are usually too immature to get the meaning that does not meet the ear.

That meaning becomes clear only after one has lived with a book for a long time. One test of a classic is the number of times it will bear re-reading. "Julius Caesar," for example, reveals new meanings on the hundredth reading, and would probably do so on the thousandth reading. It was of such books that Thoreau wrote: "It will be soon enough to forget them when we have the learning and genius which will enable us to attend to and appreciate them."

—Silas Marner.

The first time I ever realized that salt was not just salt, no matter where it came from, was one hot morning when we had to wait for hours while a Canadian fisherman who was to take us across the bay removed the roe from a large sturgeon that he had caught and prepared it for shipment across the lake to one of our flourishing cities where it was to be covered up into Russian caviar. His part of the process involved the use of a great quantity of salt. He told us he used only German salt, which he declared was four times as salty as our salt.

Recently our interest in salt has been quickened by the statements that the alarming increase in goiter is due to a deficiency in the salt we use. For a long time scientists were puzzled by the fact that goiter showed a tendency to be so common in certain sections of the world that they were known as goiter belts or goiter zones. Switzerland has long been known as a goiter zone. Recently it has appeared that we have a well-developed goiter zone in the region of the Great Lakes, one author claiming that a fifth of the school children in that area have enlarged thyroid glands, or physiological goiter. Goiter is rarely found among people living near the ocean. The reason became more or less evident when research workers discovered a few years ago that children suffering from goiter could be much benefited by minute doses of iodine.

Iodine is an element that is most abundant in the ocean—the iodine of commerce is derived from sea weeds. Sea foods, and salt secured by evaporating sea water, contain all the iodine needed to keep the body in good condition. It is claimed, however, that much of the salt sold nowadays is deficient in iodine, perhaps due to the refining processes that have given us whiter, finer salt than our parents knew.

One of the ironies of our everyday life is that the more we refine our foods, the more we find it necessary to eat something to take the place of what we have refined out of the original food. The highly refined salt must have iodine added. Those who live on bread baked from highly refined flour must eat bran to replace the bran sifted out of the ground wheat, and must eat yeast to supply the vitamin principle excluded when the wheat germ is left out of flour.

Substitute for Beeswax.
It appears that a substitute for beeswax has been found in the leaves of the Madagascarian. The wax is extracted by the simple process of heating the dried leaves on a mat, reducing them to small bits. The particles are then gathered and bottled. The resultant wax is kneaded into small cakes. Experiments have been made with this substance to ascertain its real commercial value—whether it may be used for bottling purposes in the making of photographic cylinders, etc.

Norway Treaty Renewed.

Washington—The United States and Norway renewed for five years their treaty of arbitration, providing for the reference of international disputes to the court of arbitration at The Hague. Notes were exchanged between Secretary Hughes and the Norwegian minister, providing that such disputes should be referred to the permanent court of international justice of the League of Nations, should the senate approve the entrance of U. S. into the League court.

